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informed by the Bureau that full instructions would be sent me the following day, which instructions were received about 6 p. m., January 22, directing me to communicate with Dr. Creasy and complete arrangements for sending the patient to the pesthouse in Newport News, which was done, the tug *Helen* being sent direct to Newport News, where the patient was discharged into a pest wagon, returning to this station about 10 p. m. I will say that discharging the patient in Newport News at night was much preferable to daylight.

The case in question is that of Junius Bonds, a negro, who hails from Norfolk, being employed as oiler on the vessel. He usually spent every other night at his home in Norfolk, and his infection, like that of the other case reported by me, is supposed to have been gotten there. He presented a well marked case, as he had never been vaccinated, his eruption just passing from the vesicular to the pustular form when he left this station.

As to the disinfection of the vessel, I have the honor to state that she is a comparatively new tug, well constructed for steam heating, and I was able to use steam in the disinfection of all of her compartments. Steam was turned into all of her compartments for forty five to sixty minutes at a time for three different times from eight to ten hours apart, a discontinuous disinfection so to speak, with a temperature from 120° F. up, breaking my thermometer at a 140° F. and destroying the paint on the walls. As the crew did not sleep on board they had very little dunnage, most of what they did have having been burned in the furnace before arriving at this station.

The remainder, however, after being disinfected in situ was to-day placed in the steam chamber. The forecastle, water-closet, and deck, as well as the bilge, were washed with the mercuric solution. In my opinion the disinfection has been most efficient. The vessel and crew will be kept under observation as usual, and any unsuccessful vaccinations will be revaccinated to-morrow, though most of them show signs of success.

Respectfully,

T. B. MCCLINTIC,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Chattanooga, Tenn.

PORT OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN., *January 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the development and rapid spread of smallpox at this port. There are 9 cases in the city and suburbs. The disease so far is of a very mild type. The health authorities are enforcing vaccination and a rigid quarantine. All cases are sent to the pest house as soon as found and their houses are fumigated.

Respectfully,

J. T. SHEPHERD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Evansville, Ind.

EVANSVILLE, IND., *January 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the number of smallpox cases in the isolation hospital for the week ended January 21, 1900: On hand January 14, 1900, 14; admitted during week, 3; discharged during week, 1; died during week, none; remaining, 16.

Respectfully,

W. A. KORN,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.